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8 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA ROSA DIVISION**

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11 In re
12 RUBEN ROJAS; KRISTY A ROJAS,
13 **Debtor(s).**
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15 AMERICREDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, as
assignee for LONG BEACH ACCEPTANCE CORP.,
16 **Movant.**
17 vs.
18 RUBEN ROJAS; KRISTY A ROJAS and JEFFRY
LOCKE, Trustee,
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20 **Respondents.**

Case No. 09-14073 AJ

CHAPTER 7

RS No: JHK-336

**MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE
AUTOMATIC STAY**

Hearing Date and Time:

Date: FEBRUARY 11, 2010
Time: 9:00 AM

21 AMERICREDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, as assignee for LONG BEACH ACCEPT. CORP.
22 (hereinafter "Movant"), Moves this Court for Relief from the Automatic Stay so that Movant may proceed to
23 repossess and liquidate the 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe, Vehicle Identification No. KM8SC13D12U256689 (the
24 "Vehicle") pursuant to the Retail Installment Contract (the "Contract") executed by the Debtor(s), based upon
25 the following:

26 11 U.S.C. §362(d) states:

27 "On request of a party in interest and after notice and a hearing, the court
28 shall grant relief from the stay provided under subsection (a) of this section,

such as by terminating, annulling, modifying, or conditioning such stay—

(1) for cause, including the lack of adequate protection of an interest in property of such party in interest; or

(2) with respect to a stay of an act against property under subsection (a) of this section, if --

(A) the debtor does not have an equity in such property; and

(B) such property is not necessary to an effective reorganization.” (Emphasis added)

The Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (B.A.P.) held in In re Preuss 15 B.R. 896 (9th Cir. B.A.P. 1981) that:

“Relief must be granted if the debtor has no equity in the property, and the property is not necessary to an effective reorganization. ...Since reorganization is not relevant in Chapter 7, the only issue is to whether there is equity in the property. ...There being no equity for the benefit of the Chapter 7 estate ... it was incumbent on the court to dissolve the automatic stay.”

11 U.S.C. §362(g) states:

“In any hearing under subsection (d) or (e) of this section concerning relief from the stay of any act under subsection (a) of this section --

(1) the party requesting such relief has the burden of proof on the issue of the debtor's equity in property; and

(2) the party opposing such relief has the burden of proof on all other issues.” (Emphasis added.)

In this case, as of the date of the filing of this Motion, Respondents were indebted to Movant under the terms of the Contract in the sum of \$10,181.45. (Declaration of James Hogan). The fair market value of the Vehicle is \$4,000.00, according to Schedule D filed by Debtor(s). (Declaration of James Hogan) A true and correct copy of Schedule D is attached as Exhibit “C” to the List of Exhibits A-E. Therefore, relief should be granted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §362(d)(2)(a) since Debtor(s) has no equity in the property and the

1 property is not necessary for an effective reorganization.

2 In addition, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §362(d)(1) "cause" exists for granting relief since the Contract is in
3 default for the regular payments coming due October 5, 2009, through January 5, 2010, each in the amount of
4 \$338.05. Late charges in the amount of \$64.21 have been assessed to Debtor(s)' account. Attached to Exhibit
5 A-E as Exhibit "D" is Debtor(s)' post-petition account history with Movant. (Declaration of James Hogan).
6 The property continues to depreciate and is not necessary for Debtor(s)' effective reorganization. Movant
7 has not been compensated for the loss in the value of its security and, therefore, it is not adequately protected.

8 Other cause exists for granting the Motion since pursuant to the Statement of Intention filed by
9 Debtor(s), the vehicle will be surrendered. (Declaration of James Hogan). Attached as Exhibit "E" is a true
10 and correct copy of the Statement of Intention filed by Debtor(s).

11 Movant would exercise its rights and remedies under state law but for the automatic stay issued by
12 this Court on the filing of the petition herein.

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14 WHEREFORE, Movant prays for an order:

- 15 1. Terminating the automatic stay as to Movant, its successors and assigns;
16 2. Allowing Movant to proceed under applicable non-bankruptcy law to enforce its remedies to
17 repossess and sell the Vehicle;
18 3. That the 14-day stay prescribed by Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a)(3) be waived;
19 4. That the Order be binding and effective despite any conversion of this bankruptcy case to a
20 case under any other chapter of Title 11 of the United States Code; and
21 5. For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

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23 DATED: January 21, 2010

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